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MORTON RIDDLE, DEAD

Morton Riddle, general manager of the Florida East Coast Railway, died at St. Augustine Thursday morning of paralysis. Mr. Riddle had been ill some three weeks, during which time it is said he suffered two distinct strokes.

Mr. Riddle was one of the most prominent railroad managers in the south, a polished, affable gentleman, and was popular with all who came within the range of his acquaintance. Before going to the East Coast Railway as the successor of Mr. J. R. Parrott in the general management, Mr. Riddle was for some time general manager of the Jacksonville Terminal Company.

PITY THE WILD WEST.

A telegram received yesterday noon states that the heaviest snow and sleet storm of the entire winter was falling over the middle western states and that all traffic was seriously interrupted. Bulletins concerning Florida predicted rain in this section with rain and cold in the western portions of the State.

Optimistic Thought.
One's duty is to accept the challenge of the passing day.

VITAL STATISTICS ORDINANCE PASSED

Has Been Urged By State Board of Health.

The model ordinance which is now being urged on all Florida cities by the State Board of Health, was up before the Palatka city council last Tuesday night and passed without opposition after its need was thoroughly explained by President Yelverton and other members of the council.

This ordinance makes compulsory the registration of every birth and death in the city, and provides penalties for failure to meet the requirements. There has been only a careless registration in the past, and Palatka has suffered in more ways than one by these omissions to make returns.

Interest in public education in this county continues to grow; people don't kick about paying school taxes; the Grandin and Putnam Hall districts are now asking for a special tax school district. Let the good work go on.

Daily Optimistic Thought.
Truth may be smothered but not extinguished.

EVERYBODY HAPPY MARCH 10TH AND 11TH

The entertainment features that have been provided for the Knights of Pythias Grand Lodge Convention are not restricted to the members of the Order. The good people of Palatka and Putnam County and visitors sojourning here, are invited and urged to enjoy them with us. The public Opening Ceremonies and Addresses take place at the Grand Theater Wednesday, March 10th at 9:30 a. m.; Reception and Musicale in the Putnam House Parlors, Wednesday Evening at 9:00 o'clock; Grand Ball in the Putnam House Dining Room Thursday Evening, March 11th at 9:00 o'clock. Everything is free and you are thrice welcome. We will have mirth and music by day and by night; our city will be dressed up as never before—the Stars and Stripes, Pythian Colors and streamers of electric lights everywhere. Now, remember, this is our treat, we want you with us.

ST. JOHNS LODGE No. 8, K. of P.

ALDERMAN McNALLY AS TRUST BUSTER

Junior Alderman from Third Will Bust City Express Ordinance.

A good many people in this city have been in the habit of looking upon Alderman Walter McNally of the Third ward as a plutocrat—an official whose sympathies were all with the corporations, and who was more or less careless of his duties to the common people. How this came about The News would not attempt to say. Perhaps it is because of his associations in a business way with Jack Flinn, a man of wealth and well-known predilections for plutocracy.

But the people have evidently had a wrong line on Mr. McNally. That he has, deep down in his heart, a warm spot for the people and an abhorrence of trusts and trust methods, is proven by an ordinance he introduced in the council last Tuesday night. The ordinance will permit a hackman to carry a trunk from the depot or boat landings in the absence of an expressman. At the present time a hackman cannot carry a trunk. He must confine himself to people.

Frequently trains or boats will arrive at night and no expressman will be in sight. The hackman not being allowed to carry the trunk puts travelers to an inconvenience. The present plan was for the purpose of creating a city expressman's trust. Alderman McNally's ordinance, if passed, will "bust the trust."

As members of the trust generally live in Alderman Joe Adams and Parson Robinson's ward, Mr. McNally will probably not suffer any politically for his activity in behalf of common sense and the "plain people" who arrive in Palatka by the night boats. Viva McNally! Viva ze people! Allagazunda!

Fatal Auto Accident.

A most regrettable auto accident occurred on Tuesday afternoon in the vicinity of the Wilson Cypress Co.'s mill. A little colored boy named Henry Gooden was rolling a hoop, and in losing control of it backed into a passing auto, which was running slowly. The little fellow fell under the rear wheel which passed over him, breaking his neck and killing him instantly. The car was stopped within four feet and the little fellow's body picked up and taken home.

A colored man was driving the auto but there were several witnesses all of whom agreed that it was no fault of the driver. The owner of the auto, however, paid all expenses of the funeral and interment of the boy. An inquest was held at the court house on Wednesday and all the testimony of witnesses showed that it was one of those unavoidable accidents that no amount of care on the part of the driver could avoid. The driver was exonerated by the jury.

City Primaries Next Week.

The ward primaries for the purpose of nominating aldermen in the various wards and for the purpose of choosing delegates to the city convention which is to select a nominee for mayor, will meet next Tuesday night.

Who will be named in the various wards The News does not know. It hopes good selections will be made, but it does not this year feel that it is called upon to offer advice.

The city convention to nominate a mayor will be held the following Friday night, March 12th. No names are being mentioned on the streets, except that of the Hon. Joe Kennerly, the present incumbent. Last year the people made him take it; he didn't want it then and he doesn't want it now; but he is one of those kind of men who is willing to make sacrifices for his town when the people rise up and ask him to do so.

The next Mayor will be S. J. Kennerly, unless he kicks over the traces—gets ugly and says "not on your life," which, as we were saying he is not likely to do in face of a popular demand.

We don't claim to cut prices below a living profit, but we positively guarantee to give you as good value for your money as can be given by any honest business and the volume of business that is coming our way proves our contention.
Quality and Quantity our Motto.
L. C. STEPHENS,
628 Kirby St.

IN GALA ATTIRE PALATKA AWAITS PYTHIAN HOSTS.

Great Convention Will Open Next Wednesday Morning.

Everything is ready for the shouting. Lemon street and other business portions of Palatka are decorated with flags and bunting, the stars and stripes being the dominant feature.

These are also patriotic Pythian colors. Here and there you will see the Pythian coat of arms and perhaps a fast color representation of Pythias flying down the pike on a white horse to offer himself as a willing hostage for his friend Damon.

Palatka Presents a Pretty Pythian Prospect.

The city is gay with colors. These decorations were all made by a Jacksonville firm of decorators who know how.

The committees have everything in readiness for the grand conclave. The city is worth seeing. Come and see it. Come next week and enjoy the festivities; everything is open to the public, except the business sessions of the Grand Lodge, and no one will care for them. The fun, the frolic, the music, the dancing and the oratory are all yours.

The delegates will begin to arrive Tuesday afternoon; and all will be here by Wednesday morning. The great public reception and welcome will take place at Kalbfeld's Grand theater at 9 a. m., Wednesday. Grand ball at night; everyone invited; several bands will be here.

Not only the local lodge of Pythians, but the people of Palatka want all the people of the county to come in and enjoy the festival. It will be worth coming to see.

Supreme Chancellor and Mrs. Young of Ohio, have been invited to lead the Grand March at the Putnam House Ball.

The Clearwater uniform rank will be here in a body with their band, made up from the membership. Other bodies of a similar character will bring bands.

The Putnam House has been selected as headquarters, but the other hotels and restaurants have prepared to take care of their share of the crowd.

Next week will be a memorable week in Palatka.

In addition to the Grand Lodge K. of P.'s the Grand Temple of Pythian Sisters of the State will be here with a delegation of some 75 or 80.

Then there will be the D. O. K. K.'s, a side line of Pythianism devoted solely to fun and frolic. The K. of P.'s will hold their sessions in the Masonic Hall, and the D. O. K. K.'s will meet at the Athletic Club.

Distinguished Georgian Here.

Hon. W. H. Burwell of Sparta, Speaker of the House of Representatives in the Georgia legislature, was a visitor in Palatka for a couple days this week and was registered at the Putnam House. Mr. Burwell was in Palatka for the purpose of looking into some land matters in which he has an interest. He seemed greatly pleased with Palatka, especially with its well-paved streets, fine stores and general air of prosperity.

Putnam's New Map.

The new and official map of Putnam county, compiled from the maps, plats and field notes of the government surveys and from the surveys of Randall Wells, C. E., and county surveyor and engineer, by Mr. Wells, and published by E. P. Noll & Co., Philadelphia, is being delivered by Mr. Wells this week.

This map is the only official map of the county ever issued and is a complete description of the lands of the county. It shows all government land lines, railroads, county roads and many settlement roads, streams and lakes, and all little town sites, as well as cities. The map is in colors, a different color for each commissioner's district, and also colors which show the Florahome and Bostwick drainage districts.

It is a most valuable contribution to the county records and Mr. Wells is entitled to great credit for the painstaking care with which he has drawn this map. The map unmounted, sells for \$2; mounted and with cloth back, on rollers, the price is \$5. It should be in at least every business office in the city and county.

FLORIDA'S HEALTH EXHIBIT DRAWS CROWDS

On Monday and Tuesday—School Pupils Visit it by Grades.

The Florida Health Exhibit, under the direction of Dr. J. Y. Porter, State Health Officer, and who ranks among the foremost men of the age as an authority on public health matters, was on exhibition in the Fry building last Monday and Tuesday. Dr. Porter was here in person and in charge, being assisted by Drs. Young and Dawson of the department, and Miss F. Domaris Herndon, superintendent of the department of tuberculosis.

During all of Monday and Monday evening and all day Tuesday, there was a constant stream of visitors, many of whom were attracted through curiosity, but came away with a large fund of useful information, together with a pamphlet or two dealing with certain branches of health conservation.

Tuesday the pupils from the public school visited the exhibit, each grade taking its turn and coming under the leadership of the grade teachers.

The big store room was divided off into spaces in which the different subjects of health were treated. There was the "Kill the Flies" department; another department for explaining "Babies and their Care," "Tuberculosis," "Fake Remedies," a department showing how ignorant people are faked by patent medicines, "Small Pox," "Typhoid," "Malaria," "Ventilation for Sleeping Rooms," "Hookworm," "Florida Cripples," "Diphtheria and Measles," "Whooping Cough," and various communicable diseases, and showing the best means of their prevention.

Then there were other departments devoted to an explanation of hog cholera, cattle ticks, with a model of the best cattle dipping vats, etc.

Miss Herndon very graciously explained to all comers who stopped before the tuberculosis exhibit, the various forms for spreading the disease, and summed up the whole idea of prevention in a word—FRESH AIR.

Tuesday night at the Kalbfeld Grand, two reels depicting the tuberculosis and cattle tick systems of prevention and cure were exhibited. The first named was a reel entitled "The Temple of Moloch," which Dr. Young explained to the audience.

The cattle tick reel, very interesting and showing the tick in motion, was ably explained by Dr. Dawson, who is in charge of this department.

Palatka people have been greatly profited by this visit of the health exhibit, to which their gratitude is largely due to Hon. F. J. Fearnside, president of the State Board of Health, and who had it brought here.

The Hastings Minstrels.

The Hastings Minstrels have come and gone, and left a neat little sum in the treasury of the Woman's Club, under whose auspices the entertainment was given last Friday night, at Kalbfeld's Grand. Our potato neighbor has some classy looking minstrel boys and their show was much superior to the average amateur minstrel performance. The second part of the evening's entertainment, especially, was one that brought a warm feeling of sympathy and enjoyment to the audience, because it featured a little dialogue of song and acting between Mr. J. E. McDonald and his three year old daughter; the little tot seemed to understand perfectly what was required of her and she acted out her little part with naive ability. Singing of old plantation melodies always charm, and the boys did their part well.

The County Commissioners.

The regular meeting of the county commissioners was held this week with all members present. Only routine business was attended to, with the possible exception of some discussion of the question of a new bridge to span the St. Johns at Palatka. A warrant was ordered for the transfer of \$1,019.72 from the county treasury to the Florahome drainage fund.

And on motion of Com. Alvers, seconded by Com. Perry, a committee consisting of Coms. Millican and Waldron was appointed to employ a consulting engineer if in their opinion it seemed best to secure specification for a new Palatka-East Palatka bridge.

A petition for the establishment of a new precinct to be known as No. 29, to include territory between this city and Bostwick, was deferred to next meeting.

At a meeting of the Florahome drainage board in the afternoon of Tuesday, Com. Waldron reported that as instructed he had visited the Florahome district and had found that the work was proceeding as desired by the land owners of the district in their former petitions. Mr. Waldron's report exonerated those in charge of the work from any effort to do more than for the best interests of the district. The engineer in charge reported that the average cut was 2.9 inches.

Extra fine new cane syrup in new Cypress barrels. 15 cts Qt. L. C. STEPHENS, 628 Kirby Street.

BISHOP CURLEY BE HERE ON

When he Will Off Morning and Evening St. Monicas.

Rt. Rev. Michael J. Curley, D. D., bishop of St. Augustine, and with one exception the youngest bishop, the Roman Catholic church, will have his first official visit to St. Monica church, Palatka, next Sunday.

The bishop will preach at the 10 o'clock mass, and at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon will confirm a class of seven. He will also deliver a sermon at this hour.

At the time of his elevation to the episcopate, Fr. Curley was serving as the parish priest at DeLand, in which city he was highly regarded by all citizens without regard to religious preferences. Last week he visited his old parish where he was tendered a reception. The bishop also delivered his lecture on "Citizenship," before a large congregation, and to whom he was introduced by President Lincoln Hulley of John B. Stetson university, who paid him a high tribute regarding his work for Christianity in that city.

Bishop Curley will arrive in Palatka late Saturday evening and will leave early Monday morning, otherwise the Catholic people here would arrange such a public reception as befits the first official visit of this distinguished prelate.

Held to Circuit Court.

The negro Stover, charged with the murder of the two Gardners from Massachusetts while on a camp hunt up the Ocklawaha river in January, had his examination before County Judge Haskell last Saturday and was held to the circuit court in April for trial. There was a large crowd present in the court room, most of whom came through curiosity, and expecting to see the negro, but he was not present. He had made a previous visit to the judge who heard all he had to say.

Lectures on Prophecy.

An old gentleman with long, flowing whiskers and a searching, far away look, has been delivering a series of four lectures on "Prophecy" to a dozen people and some dozen dozen empty chairs in the court house this week. His name is J. T. Lightfoot.

Mr. Lightfoot looks like a prophet, but whether the look comes natural or is cultivated doth not yet appear. He has the same cut of whiskers that are to be seen in all authenticated photographs of Moses and Elijah and other ancients who seem to have set the pattern, in whiskers at least, for all our modern prophets from Joseph Smith the founder of Mormonism, to Dowie of Zion City, and Pastor Russell of everywhere who has been elected Spiritual Advisor of The Times-Union and which paper ran a half-tone of the great No-Hell advocate in its Wednesday edition.

Our Mr. Lightfoot who is interpreting prophecy to the republicans and sinners of Palatka, is not so well-known as some of the above mentioned whiskers, but its dollars to doughnuts he has all the modern ones skinned a mile when it comes to putting up real stuff to the Gentiles in this town.

Prophet Lightfoot ranks well at the court house. It seems that County Clerk Hutchinson didn't like to take the responsibility of letting him have the court house rent free, being a stranger, as it were, within our midst, so he put it up to the county commissioners, and the board voted unanimously to let the old prophet have it.

You know a prophet is long on predictions; he foresees the future; to him an event that is going to happen two years hence is as clear as is something that happened yesterday to a man without this keen foresight. Most of the court house crowd want a line on what's going to happen two years hence; this visit of Lightfoot gives 'em the opportunity of finding out the will of the democratic electors before they are registered.

Pete Hagan has been laying around the court house more than usual this week, and it is whispered that he is waiting an opportunity to consult Prophet Lightfoot. John Glisson was also seen in the city this week.

Judge Haskell professes ignorance concerning the man; and this we can readily believe for the Judge has given it out that he will not be a candidate for re-election.

Even Janitor Gravier, who is a lineal descendant of a Muskrat, Freeman who settled in this country in the eighteenth century, was seen talking to the prophet the other night, but whether it was for the usual tip or to get a line on his prospects for keeping the lawn green next summer, is not known—possibly it was both.

The News regrets it could not have heard these lectures of the prophet, but being a leery, its editor was a bit timid about butting in on a man who deals in futures. What most concerns us at this present writing is, does the Hon. Leo Jacobson, alderman nearly extinct from de Fort ward, really mean what he says in the postem serial, i. e., that he "was as yet undecided as to whether he would permit the use of his name as a candidate for re-election." Mr. Lightfoot doesn't know, and when we sent a wire to Mr. Foster, his reply was "Don't urge him too strenuously, or he will consider it his duty to his constituents to continue the sacrifice. 19 col."